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Women of Steel own their power at District 11 conference

"Know Your Power" was the theme of the latest District 11 Women's Conference held in Billings, Mont., on July 27-29. The 53 sisters spent two powerful days together educating, mentoring, volunteering, and networking.

USW International Vice President at Large Roxanne Brown attended the conference and spoke to the delegates and staff about owning their power.



“In every room, show up as yourself,” said Brown. “Be authentically you, and all that comes with you, particularly as it relates to the fights we fight collectively every day as a union: things like a good job that allows you to put food on your family’s table, send your kids to school and maybe retire one day and leave a legacy for future generations.”

This conference didn’t shy away from engaging in difficult yet necessary conversations. District 1 Assistant to the Director and Women’s Coordinator Teresa Cassidy gave a presentation on surviving domestic violence and how local unions can ensure survivors are supported in their contracts.



The members also took time away from workshops and plenary sessions to give back during their conference by volunteering with the Billings Park and Recreation at the Riverfront Park. Here the group painted a bridge and took to the hiking trails to eliminate the invasive species Buckthorn.



District 10 Women of Steel share impacts of unfair trade with USTR representatives

A group of Women of Steel from across District 10 and International headquarters met with Beth Baltzan, Senior Advisor to the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), and Assistant United States Trade Representative Roberto Soberanis on Tues., Aug. 8.



Randie Pearson, director of the USW Women of Steel program, led the discussion on how unfair trade has impacted working women.

Before the meeting, the delegation was also joined by USW Local 1660 and Local 1219 representatives to tour Wheatland Tube and the USS Edgar Thompson Works.

District 7 Women of Steel give back in South Suburbia



District 7 Women of Steel Sub-District 1 used their quarterly council meeting last month to host a flip-flop collection drive for families in need.

They worked in conjunction with Local 2003 and donated the shoes to the Crisis Center for South Suburbia. Next Gen Coordinator Justin Willis also gave the organization a monetary donation.

Members were able to hear from multiple activists throughout the meeting, including District 7 Women of Steel Coordinator Arvella Greenlaw. They also learned and talked about women's health and safety in the workplace.