

Ohio Members Remember the Troops

Members of District 34 in Columbus, OH, wondered if the worst recession in years would take a toll on the Second Annual Holiday Care Package Drive, their effort to collect donations for U.S. military personnel serving in Iraq. They need not have worried.

IAM members stepped up and exceeded last year's outpouring of generosity, collecting more than 3,000 pounds of goods and gifts, all of which were boxed up and shipped overseas.

This year's effort was spe-



Volunteers from IAM District 34 in Columbus, OH prepare more than 3,000 pounds of donated goods for shipment to military personnel serving in Iraq.

cial for Donald Harris, a District 34 member whose son was recently deployed to Iraq with the 1001st Reserve Unit based in Chillicothe, OH. Harris also has two other children serving over-

seas. The 1001st is one of the units that will receive donated items including food, gifts, shaving gel, toothbrushes, laundry detergent and telephone calling cards for troops to call loved ones.

IAM Mourns Passing of Bob Kalaski



Bob Kalaski

Former IAM Communications Director Robert J. Kalaski passed away after a courageous struggle with cancer. Kalaski, 67, led the Communications Department from 1977 until his retirement in 2001.

Serving under numerous IAM presidents, Kalaski pioneered the IAM's landmark media monitoring project and guided the IAM's press and

public relations efforts during monumental battles such as the Eastern Airlines strike against corporate pirate Frank Lorenzo.

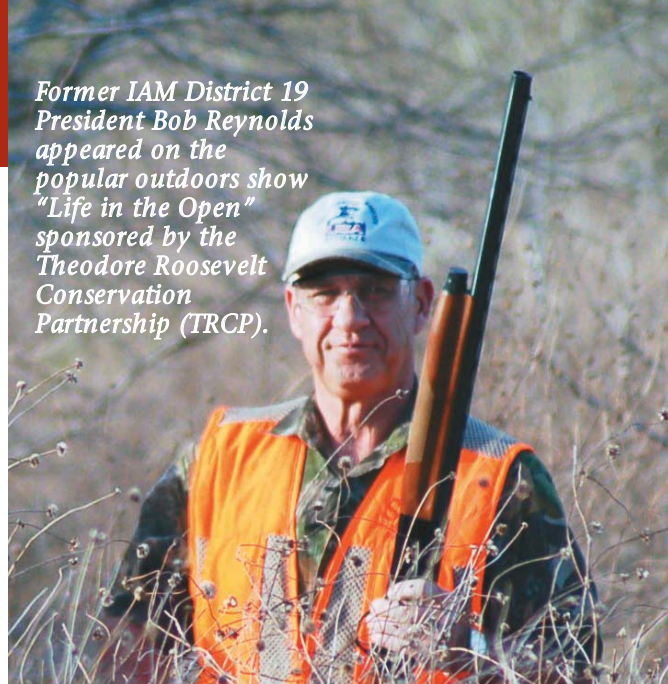
"Bob Kalaski was a shining light in his craft of labor journalism," said IAM President Tom Buffenbarger. "His warm-hearted personality inspired many in the Machinists union and the labor movement and he will be missed."

IAM Member Featured on Popular Hunting Show

Former District 19 President Bob Reynolds appeared on the popular *Life in the Open* series sponsored by the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP). A life-long hunter and outdoorsman, Reynolds joined program host Ken Barrett in south Texas on a hunt for Nilgai, a type of antelope, and Bobwhite quail.

The *Life in the Open* series

is now in its fourth season and airs on the Versus cable network. The TRCP is part of a coalition of the nation's leading conservation organizations, labor unions and individuals dedicated to preserving open space and access for hunters and anglers. Check www.trcp.org



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for *Life in the Open* show times and other information about TRCP's mission and programs.

Machinists Union Puts Skills on Display

Learning skills for tomorrow's jobs was the theme of the first annual "Youth in Technology" summit at the College of Southern Maryland. The Machinists union was there to showcase the high-tech products made and maintained by IAM members. Hundreds of high

school and middle school students and parents got the chance to learn about the special skills required for tomorrow's jobs at a booth manned by instructors and staff from the nearby William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center.

"This kind of outreach is

essential to educate young people about the types of high-paying careers that are out there and the skills they'll need to get started," said Winpisinger Center Director Chris Wagoner. "These are exciting and rewarding careers and there is a serious shortage of qualified applicants."



To highlight needed skills training for tomorrow's jobs, from left, Henry Bagwell, Ann Wiberg and Linda Manekas from the IAM's Winpisinger Education and Technology Center speak with students at a "Youth in Technology" event at the College of Southern Maryland.

2009 IAM Scholarship Deadline February 27

Each year, the IAM Scholarship program helps many IAM members and children of IAM members complete a four-year college degree or two-year technical/vocational program. IAM Scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than February 27, 2009.

For application information and complete eligibility rules, go to www.goiam.org/iamscholarship or call 301-967-4708.