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Dear Comrades,

Please join us for a great celebration!

We have an exciting anniversary coming up this year – the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Women of Steel! The Women of Steel program began 30 years ago in District 6, and this year we will be celebrating by holding the District 6 Women's Conference in Toronto on July 24 and 25.

Our theme for the conference is **Time for HERstory**. We will highlight the accomplishments of our Women of Steel, look at how we have overcome challenges and plan for the future of our union. The conference will include panels, workshops, interactive theatre and a social event on Monday evening.

The Women of Steel program began as a way to spur women's involvement and leadership within our union. The program has offered courses specific to women while improving our union's ability to address women's issues in the workplace. Women of Steel was created and continues to break down workplace barriers, encourage women's participation in union activities and develop leadership.

As District Director, I am encouraging you to send as many women delegates as possible to the District 6 Women's Conference. Please consider sending both experienced and new activists. This will be a great opportunity for your delegates to reflect on our past and build and strengthen our union for the future. It is also a wonderful opportunity to get a report back from your delegates on how your local can strengthen your Women of Steel activities.

I look forward to your local joining us at this great event.

In solidarity,

Marty Warren

Director, USW District 6

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