

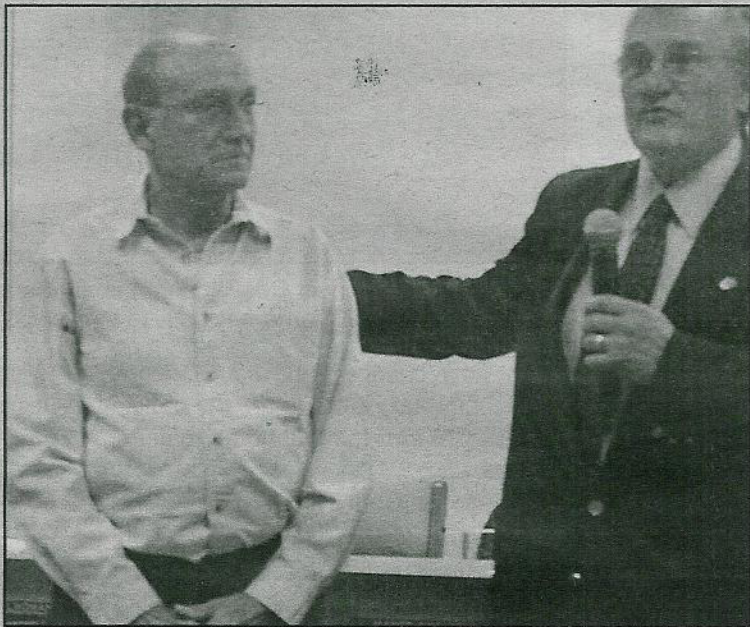
Long-time volunteer is nearly 'Dunn'

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"I could never run out of words to say about Bob Dunn," said Wayne Mayor Al Haidous last week.

Dunn, a charter member of Ironworker's Local 831, is retiring after a 35-year career at the Unistrut Corp. in Wayne. He was honored by the city for his long commitment to the community—particularly as the long-time president of the Wayne Goodfellows.

Dunn started his career at Unistrut in 1972, when members of the union were part of Local 508 based in Detroit. He petitioned the Department of Labor and the Ironworker's International Union in Washington, DC to start a local chapter in Wayne, which was granted in 1975. He served as president until 1983, when he stepped down for health reasons but was voted back in as president in 1986 and has held the position ever since.



After a long career and many service projects, Bob Dunn (left) will retire from Unistrut soon. Wayne Mayor Al Haidous honored Dunn at the city council meeting last week.

During his time at Unistrut he was instrumental in establishing an apprenticeship program and ensuring all the skilled trade members received journeyman cards.

Dunn has been a member of the Wayne Goodfellows for 21 years, and the president of that group for the past 10.

"It's because of him that thousands of children have had a happy Christmas," said Mel Moore, deputy fire chief.

He said he plans to retire at the end of the year, which leaves him one more chance to help with the annual goal of making sure no child goes without a Christmas.

"So far, they haven't found anyone to take over as president of the Goodfellows, so I'll

hang around," Dunn said with a laugh. "I'm trying to teach people what needs to be done so that when I'm not around, they'll know what to do."

The Wayne Goodfellows operate with funds they generate at two events: the first is a city and friends party at Jake's Again, scheduled for November. Dunn and his union cohorts have one scheduled for Dec. 14 at The Village.

Dunn's ultimate plan for retirement involve spending the winters in Florida and the summers in Michigan—and staying active in charitable efforts.

"I've done so much for so long I don't think I'm going to go down there just to sit down," he said. "I'm not going to stop doing everything."