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Paul Winkler, president of the United Steel Workers Local 1331, left, David Jacobson, head of engineering at Canfield Coating Co., and Dave Kochert, maintenance manager at Canfield Coating, far right, congratulate Richard "Dick" Moore for working 50 years at the company.

## MOORE

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After serving two years in the Army, Moore worked at a local factory but got laid off in 1965. Thankfully, Canfield Coating had a job for him.

He worked his way up, and the company put him through electrician school. He then got into the maintenance department at the plant.

Over the past half-century, new equipment replaced old, and he learned new technology and continued to maintain it.

The three-shift plant operates 24 hours a day, so if something breaks in the middle of the night, Moore is always ready to work.

The plant has three lines: an electro-galvanizing line where zinc is bonded with steel to protect against corrosion, a paint line and a trim line.

Moore said he still likes his job, but from the looks of it,

it's clear he really loves it.

Paint stains his boots. His worn shirt is emblazoned with his name. He has the rough hands of a working man.

Still, his smile and attitude warmed the room Monday.

His family might want to see him hang up his hard hat, but he says he'll keep working until he can no longer do the job.

His job calls for him to come in at 7 a.m., but his boss, John Rich, operations manager at Canfield Coating, always sees him there earlier.

Moore is supposed to work until 3 p.m.

"Most of the time we have to kick him out," Rich said, smiling. "I know we are happy to have him."

Rich is one of the several employees at Canfield Coating who has learned something from Moore.

"He taught me everything [I] know about maintenance," Rich said.

Rich has never met anyone

like Moore, a man he says is the most patient person he ever met.

"He does everything that is asked of him," Rich said.

That sentiment was mentioned several times by workers who have worked with Moore for years and others who just started.

"I don't think there's anyone here you can count on more," said Dave Kochert, maintenance manager at Canfield Coating. "He's got more in his mind than anyone will ever have."

If there is anyone who knows Moore's work ethic it's his wife of 52 years, Darleen.

Together, they have two daughters, Sheila Parks of Salem and Kristina Young of Tampa, Fla.

"There was never a job too dirty or too beneath him to do," Darleen said. "I think he is a fine example for younger people. His work from Day 1 was always to do the best he could in whatever the job was."

## ELECTION

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would be eliminated if marijuana is legalized.

Angela McClellan, executive director of the Coalition for a Drug-Free Mahoning County, disagreed, saying society will pay the cost in the form of increased mental-health problems if the drug is legalized.

She also pointed to the part of the proposal that would allow one marijuana-retail store per 10,000 residents, meaning that four stores theoretically could open in the township.

"Is that what you want your community to look like?" she said.

Presentations at the event, organized by the Boardman Civic Association, also covered these issues: levy proposals from the Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Mahoning County Mental Health &

Recovery Board, Mill Creek MetroParks, Boardman School District, Boardman Township and Boardman Township Park.

Candidates for two spots on the school board and one township trustee position also made their cases to the crowd.

The audience also heard from Jeff Barrone, Donald Riccicelli and Frank Zetts, candidates for two open school board seats.

Asked about proposals to consolidate schools and about open-enrollment, all three said they favor consolidating buildings and strongly oppose opening the district's enrollment to nonresidents.

Incumbent Trustee Larry Moliterno and candidate James Villani also presented. The third candidate for that seat, Anthony DeFrank, was not present due to a previous engagement.

Moliterno and Villani were asked about a proposal

to rebuild the main township fire station, how township officials can make up for decreasing revenue from the real-estate property tax and blight on the township's north side.

Most of the levy proposals that township voters will see on the ballot are renewals. That includes proposals from MCBDD, the mental-health and recovery board, two from the school district, the township police department and Boardman Park.

Mill Creek MetroParks is asking for a 15-year renewal of a 1.75-mill levy, plus an additional 0.25 mills.

Aaron Young, executive director at Mill Creek MetroParks, was asked whether the park leadership plans further expansion into the township if the levy passes.

"I think before we look at expanding, we need to take care of what we have," he said.

## POPE

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seemed to be appealing to the pontiff before the man was dragged away.

The head of the opposition group Ladies in White said 22 of 24 members who wanted to attend Francis' Mass on Sunday were prevented from going by Cuban security agents. And two well-known Cuban dissidents said agents detained them after the Vatican invited them to the pope's vespers service at Havana's cathedral.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, confirmed that some dissidents were invited to events to receive a greeting from the pope, but he said he didn't know why it didn't come to pass.

In his homily in Holguin, a city of about 300,000, Francis pressed some of the subtle themes he has developed during this balancing act of a Cuban visit. He told the

crowd of how Jesus picked a lowly and despised tax collector, Matthew, and instructed him without casting judgment to follow him. That act of mercy changed Matthew forever.

Francis told the Cubans that they, too, should allow themselves "to slowly overcome our preconceptions and our reluctance to think that others, much less ourselves, can change."

"Do you believe it is possible that a tax collector can be a servant?" he asked on Day 3 of his visit to the island. "Do you believe it is possible that a traitor can become a friend?"

It was a theme Francis sketched out Sunday night in an off-the-cuff encounter with young people. He encouraged them to dream big

about what their life could be like, and not be "boxed in" by ideologies or preconceptions about others.

"If you are different than me, why don't we talk?" Francis asked the crowd. "Why do we always throw rocks at that which separates us?"

The message comes at a delicate moment of change on the island. Cuba and the U.S. re-established diplomatic relations this year in a move Francis helped broker, and the communist country is undertaking modest free-market reforms that have opened some sectors of the economy to private enterprise.

Detente with the United States has raised hopes on both sides of the Florida Straits that millions of families divided by the 1959 revolution will be reunited.

## YSU

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widened its footprint for recruiting students to counties and schools beyond the Mahoning and Shenango valleys and other communities from which YSU has traditionally recruited.

That resulted in students enrolling from 480 high schools and 54 counties this fall, compared with 320 high schools and 37 counties the previous year.

"In new student enrollment, we saw an uptick that was needed not just in numbers, but in the makeup of the class," Tressel said.

This year's incoming freshmen class is YSU's highest in ACT score and high school grade-point average.

It's a trajectory Tressel wants to continue.

Freshman to sophomore retention also increased from 67 percent in 2014 to 73.2 percent in 2015.

Those increases must be

maintained if Tressel is to achieve another goal: employee raises in the next round of contracts.

"I don't think we can go another contract without compensation increases," he said.

Though university employees love their jobs they also work hard, Tressel said.

He'd also like to be able to raise the pay for adjunct faculty, he said. That group, comprised of some professionals in various fields and some people who teach at several institutions with hopes of being hired full time, haven't seen a raise in more than 20 years.

"They play a tremendous role on our campus," Tressel said. "They have great impact on our students."

YSU is urging students to graduate in four years. The university's six-year graduation rate is about 33 percent.

"It's what's best for the student," which means it's ultimately what's best for YSU, he said.

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