



The Local Scene

For Members, Family and Friends of Teamsters Local 676

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An Important Message from our President

A special prayer and our thoughts go out to the families who lost sons and daughters, husbands and wives. These brave men and women made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our great country and our liberty. We thank them for a job well done. Also remember those brothers and sisters who built this great union that have passed the baton on to us to carry forward for our grand children.

I hope everyone had a healthy and rewarding 2007. Now we are a few months into 2008 with the election season well underway. It becomes incumbent upon us to sort through all the promises to see what the candidates really mean. 2008 will certainly be a year to watch.

From the White House to our local communities the choices we make this year will impact our jobs, our families, and our future for years to come. Local #676 members know all too well that those who are elected to public office can pass legislation that can help us or hurt us. They are in a position to empower us or weaken us.

As I see it politics is much more than a debate over Democrats or Republicans. Political labels mean nothing to us in our daily lives. Teamsters don't vote based upon party or promises. We vote based upon the principles of good jobs, affordable health care, strong pensions, workplace safety and union rights Just to name a few. I know Local #676 members will step up for these rights.

Here are some of the issues we are watching: Employee Free Choice Act; Healthcare Reform; Retirement Security; US – Mexico Cross Border Trucking; Hours of Service; Trade and Globalization Assistance Act [HR.3920/s]; Recovery Rebates and Economic Stimulus for the American People Act [HR.5140]; Aircraft Maintenance Outsourcing Summit; 2008 National Defense Authorization Act [HR.4986]. We, as Teamsters, are politically active because we care about helping others and making a difference. Vote!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2008 Local #676 Teamster Picnic at Clementon Lake Park.

Fraternally Yours,

Howard W. Wells
President & Principal Office Local #676

Recent Retirees

Thomas Baker	Royal Enterprises
William Berry	Geo. F. Pettinos
Hosiea Boone	Aunt Kitty's Foods
Walter Burt Jr.	Roadway Express
Raymond Chassier	United Parcel Ser.
Steven Conway	Allied Beverage
John Curtis	United Parcel Ser.
Joseph Garrison Jr	R&R Marketing
Dennis Harris	Tischler Motor Exp.
Howard Magsam	Holmes Trans.
Michael Maltese	Evesham Pub. Works
Gary Palladino	Di Medio Lime
Howard Pedrick	Cherry Hill Twp.
Francis Pritchett	Venice Maid Whse
C. John Reece	United Parcel Ser.
Thomas Reid	Penske Trk Leasing
John Taylor	United Parcel Ser.
Leo Wilgus Jr	JJ Maloney

We wish you a long and healthy retirement!

**General Membership Meeting
& Open House
Sunday April 20, 2008**

There will be a presentation on the
History of the Teamsters &
Local #676
Plus additional Guest Speakers

**UPS Freight Members
Elect to Join
Teamster Local #676**

**Master Freight Contract
Has Been Ratified**

Scholarship Application Deadlines

**2008 James R. Hoffa
Scholarships — March 30, 2008**

**Local #676 Scholarship Fund
April 15, 2008**

No Exceptions!!

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A trucker's idea to honor the mother of his children turns into a business

Fred Stowman led a typical truck driver's existence. On the road more often than he was at home, he made enough money to support his family but not enough to spoil them. He knew that his wife bore the brunt of home responsibilities, especially when it came to the upbringing of their two sons, and he appreciated how much she did to keep the family happy.

On a run to Ohio at 12:01 a.m. on Dec. 26, Stowman had a lot of time to think about the short shrift he had been forced to give the Christmas holiday. He wished that he had been able to present his wife with a really special gift, even though they had agreed not to exchange presents. He wanted to make it up to her and decided that Mother's Day would be the best time to do that. But what could he give her?

"It literally just popped into my head, like a picture," Stowman says. "The image of a heart-shaped key, with gemstones." He started composing the perfect card to go with it, expressing all his gratitude for the way his wife took care of their children. He drew a picture of his idea, called the Mother's Key, and knew that he would have to find a jeweler to make it for him.

Not only did he find a jeweler, he found a second career. The reaction from family and friends to the Mother's Key was so strong that he started getting encouragement to bring it to market. For 10 years, Stowman talked to jewelers and business people about getting the key manufactured. The process moved in fits and starts, but today the Mother's Key can be found at mom-and-pop jewelry shops across the country and online. (Just search for Fred Stowman.)

Stowman's wife, Cheri (pictured with Fred), adores her Mother's Key and supported her husband in seeing it made for others. He still has a card from her that says, "We believe in you and the Mother's Key. Go get 'em, honey."

"Patience played a major role in getting this done," says Stowman. "When you drive a truck, you spend a lot of time thinking. People often don't look at us as businesspeople, but we are."

*Reprinted from RoadKing magazine ** Fred is a member of Local #676*

Save the Date!
Fourth Annual Members Picnic
Sunday June 8, 2008 @ Clementon Lake Park

Deceased Members

Thomas J Amos PATCO
Active

Horace J Banks Truck Driver
Retired

Richard Glowacki UPS
Retired

Benjamin Kates Jr Cherry Hill
Retired

Ellison (Joe) Moore Winzinger
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